

# Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

*Washington, D. C.,* May 6, 1891.

The Superintendent, U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

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Hereafter no half-dollars will be coined or ingots prepared for them without specific instructions from this bureau.

During the present month you will recoin into dimes the abraded silver coin transferred from the Treasury of the United States, *as rapidly as possible.* You will execute no coinage of subsidiary pieces without specific authority from this bureau, whether recoinage or otherwise.

As the law of March 3, 1891, directs that the trade dollar bullion, now in the Treasury shall be coined into standard silver dollars, you will not use any portion of this bullion in <sup>the</sup> coinage of subsidiary silver coins after the present stock of subsidiary ingots, prepared from this bullion, has been coined up.

Very respectfully,

*E. D. Lucas*  
Director.



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